

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of June 16, 2005 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application, for indicating the allowance of claims 7-10, and for indicating claims 2-4 as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the above actions, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-10 are pending for consideration, of which claims 1, 6 and 7 are independent. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, claim 6 stands objected as containing informalities. Particularly, the Examiner cannot ascertain as to whether access time is extended twice, as claim 6 appears to specify that the wait signal designates extension of an access time and then the external bus controller extends the access time again. In response, Applicant note that the bus controller carries out reading and writing of data between the bus interface and external device in accordance with the access extension time, as disclosed on, for example, page 5, last paragraph, of the specification. Hence, the bus controller extends, in the sense of offering or providing, access time to an external device with the wait signal.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hayashi et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0019898), and claims 2-4 stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In the interest of expediting the allowance of this application, Applicant has amended claim 1, as shown above, to include all of the limitations recited in claim 2. According, claim 2 is now cancelled.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending §102(b) rejection and objection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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